



Lands Legacy Initiative

\$428.5 Million in FY 2001 (+ \$263.3 M)

America's ocean and coastal resources are special places in need of special attention and protection. NOAA's FY 2001 budget requests \$428.5 million, an increase of \$263.3 million over FY 2000 appropriated levels, for ocean and coastal resource protection as outlined in the Administration's Lands Legacy Initiative. The nation's wetlands, estuaries, rivers, and other coastal habitats are critically important for supporting wildlife, commercial fisheries, and recreational opportunities. Federal and state efforts to protect America's valuable ocean and coastal resources will be significantly strengthened through the requested funding. The request includes funding for targeted investments to: strengthen and expand protection of the nation's most significant ocean and coastal areas; conserve and restore coral reef ecosystems, provide coastal states with the tools and resources to address polluted runoff, offshore oil and gas production, and continued economic development; and assist in the recovery of Pacific salmon. These investments support NOAA's responsibilities as identified in the report, "Turning to the Sea: America's Ocean Future."

Partnerships for Sustainable Coasts -- CZM Program - \$158.5 Million in FY 2001 (+\$96.8M)

The Lands Legacy Initiative proposes an increase of \$96.8 million to significantly strengthen improvements in our coastal states and communities capacity to respond to critical resource and economic issues. Important economic drivers such as coastal tourism, commercial and recreational fishing, and the marine transportation system must be balanced with the need for healthy and vibrant coastlines. An increase of \$37.7 million will allow states to expand implementation of important initiatives at the state and local level to address coastal impacts of storms, growth and development. \$25 million of the proposed funding is recommended for targeted state grants to address polluted runoff; the major source of pollution in coastal waters. \$30 million is requested for state grants to provide resources for coastal communities to address impacts created by coastal development and sprawl. An additional \$2.1 million will be used to provide technical and programmatic support to states through the national program. \$2.0 million of the request will support state development of Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control programs to address the impact of polluted runoff on coastal waters (Nonpoint Pollution Control Program, Section 6217). Many states need this assistance to complete non-point plans, and several states are just beginning their plans.

National Estuarine Research Reserve System -- \$20.0 Million in FY 2001 (+\$8.0M)

The National Estuarine Research Reserve System was established to protect key coastal areas for scientific study, education, and resource stewardship. The initiative proposes an increase of \$8.0 million to assist states in better protecting and managing the more than one million acres of critical habitat at the existing 25 reserves and two sites soon to be designated. The proposed funding will help state partners hire full-time core staff, plan and complete state land acquisition and construction activities, and allow additional monitoring to track the health of each reserve. The increase will allow NOAA, in conjunction with its state partners, to provide national leadership in demonstrating how estuaries can be managed for the benefit of future generations, as well as being living laboratories for research and education. Reserves exist in Alabama, Alaska, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Puerto Rico. Two in development are in California and New York.

National Marine Sanctuaries: Our Special Ocean Places -- \$35.0 Million in FY 2001 (+\$10.0M)

The National Marine Sanctuaries, commonly referred to as the "crown jewels of the marine environment", are home to some of the most diverse and extraordinary marine ecosystems on the planet. To provide the 12 Sanctuaries with the resources needed to conserve the use and enjoyment of these special ocean places for future generations, the Lands Legacy Initiative proposes an increase of \$10.0 million. The increase will allow NOAA to better protect our ocean's diverse natural and cultural treasures through increased educational efforts and enforcement, additional site specific research, and improvements in management and community partnerships. Through increased public awareness and participation, better science, and updated management plans, this investment will result in major advances in the conservation and protection of the unique resources within the sanctuary system. Sanctuaries exist in Federal and/or state waters near California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Texas, Washington and American Samoa.

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NOAA FY 2001 Budget Breakout of Lands Legacy Initiative Investments

	FY 2001 Change	Total Request	Legacy Investment
National Ocean Service (OR&F)			
<i>Ocean Resource Conservation and Assessment</i>			
Response and Restoration Program	\$ 4.0	\$10.0	Coral Reef Restoration
<i>Ocean & Coastal Management</i>			
CZM Grants	\$92.7	\$147.4	Coastal Zone Management Program
CZM Program Administration	\$ 2.1	\$6.6	Coastal Zone Management Program
Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control	\$ 2.0	\$4.5	Coastal Zone Management Program
Estuarine Research Reserves	\$ 6.0	\$12.0	Nat'l Estuarine Research Reserves
Marine Sanctuaries	\$10.0	\$32.0	National Marine Sanctuaries
Subtotal	\$112.8	\$202.5	
National Marine Fisheries Service (OR&F)			
<i>Conservation and Management Operations</i>			
Coral Reef Protection	\$ 5.0	\$5.0	Coral Reef Protection–Fisheries
Procurement, Acquisition, and Construction Account			
Estuarine Research Reserves Construction	\$ 2.0	\$8.0	Nat'l Estuarine Research Reserves
Marine Sanctuaries Construction	0.0	\$3.0	National Marine Sanctuaries
Other Accounts			
Coastal Impact Assistance Fund	\$100.0	\$100.0	Coastal Impact Assistance Fund
Pacific Salmon Fund	\$42.0	\$100.0	Pacific Salmon Fund
NOAA Lands Legacy Initiative–Total New Funding	\$265.8	\$428.5	(dollars in millions)
Fisheries Habitat Restoration			
included in NOAA request, not in FY 2001 Lands Legacy	(\$2.5)		
NOAA Lands Legacy Initiative–Change from FY 2000	\$263.3	\$428.5	(dollars in millions)

Coral Reef Conservation -- \$15.0 Million in FY 2001 (+\$9.0M)

Coral reefs are among the most diverse and biologically productive ecosystems on the planet and are responsible for generating billions of dollars in annual revenue for the U.S. economy. To address the severe degradation occurring at many of our nation's reefs, the Lands Legacy Initiative proposes an increase of \$9.0 million to implement many key activities identified by the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force, and better protect coral reef ecosystems. Funds will be used to strengthen research and restoration aimed at coral conservation, work toward the development of a network of marine protected areas, and develop, establish, and enforce coral reef fishery reserves critical to restoring valuable commercial and recreational species. The increase will allow NOAA, in cooperation with state and local partners, to reduce unintended impacts and help ensure the sustainable use of coral reef resources by future generations.

Coastal Impact Assistance Fund -- \$100.0 Million in FY 2001 (+\$100.0M)

The Outer Continental Shelf contains approximately 14 percent of the United States' domestic oil reserves and 24 percent of the natural gas reserves. Development of these resources stress both marine ecosystems and coastal communities. The initiative proposes an increase of \$100.0 million to provide resources to coastal states with existing offshore oil and gas production activities in Outer Continental Shelf waters. Funds will be administered as grants to help these states implement activities to protect and sustainably use ocean and coastal resources. These funds will help to minimize the impacts and risks posed to coastal environments from existing offshore oil and gas activities.

Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund -- \$100.0 Million in FY 2001 (+ \$42.0M)

Pacific salmon runs are at risk of extinction in the western states of California, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. The Lands Legacy Initiative proposes an increase of \$42.0 million to increase support for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund and aid in the recovery of threatened and endangered coastal salmon. The increased funds will be provided to states and coastal tribes to bolster their efforts toward Pacific salmon recovery and habitat restoration. ☺

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